

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of The Universe—November 23, 2025

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To foster a harmonious, loving and prayerful atmosphere within the parish community that will project the love of Christ!



### *Welcome to St. Didacus Church*

Our warmest welcome to all! We extend our hands and hearts in Christian fellowship to you here, celebrating with us, whether long-time residents or newly arrived in the Parish. We invite

# Weekly Prayer

## Sunday's Readings

### First Reading:

"And the LORD said to you,  
"You shall shepherd my people Israel  
and shall be commander of Israel.'" (2 Sm 5:2)

### Psalms:

Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord. (Ps 122)

### Second Reading:

For in him all the fullness was pleased to dwell,  
and through him to reconcile all things for him,  
making peace by the blood of his cross  
through him, whether those on earth or those  
in heaven. (Col 1:19-20)

### Gospel:

He replied to him,  
"Amen, I say to you,  
today you will be with me in Paradise." (Lk 23:43)

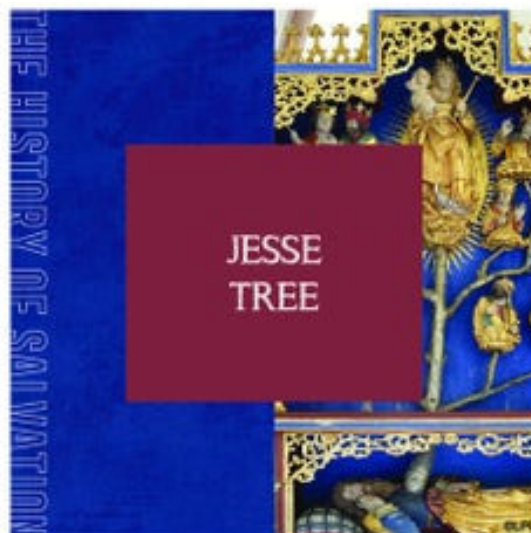
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## Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

Our king wears a crown of thorns, not a crown of gold. His glory is not in riches but in suffering. His law is written in his own blood, shed for the love of us. Do we understand the gift that it is, to be subject to such a king?

## Observances for the week of November 23, 2025

- Sunday:** Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe  
**Monday:** St. Andrew Dung-Lac, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs  
**Tuesday:** St. Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin and Martyr  
**Thursday:** Thanksgiving Day  
**Next Sunday:** 1st Sunday of Advent



## Devotions, Explained!

The Jesse Tree is an Advent practice which recounts the history of salvation by tracing the lineage of Christ — the foretold "shoot from the stump of Jesse" who will bring peace and unity to the people of God (Isaiah 11:1).

## Jesus is King

Dear Jesus,  
I see the kingdom you love,  
the one full of the broken and forgotten.  
I see the crown you wear —  
thorns out of love for me.  
I pick you as my King.  
Mold my heart to be a worthy  
member of your kingdom.  
Amen.



# Worship & Meditation

## Readings for the week of November 23, 2025

### Sunday:

2 Sm 5:1-3/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5 (see 1)/  
Col 1:12-20/Lk 23:35-43

### Monday:

Dn 1:1-6, 8-20/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56/  
Lk 21:1-4

### Tuesday:

Dn 2:31-45/Dn 3:57, 58, 59, 60, 61/  
Lk 21:5-11

### Wednesday:

Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28/Dn 3:62, 63,  
64, 65, 66, 67/Lk 21:12-19

### Thursday:

Dn 6:12-28/Dn 3:68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73,  
74/Lk 21:20-28

### Friday:

Dn 7:2-14/Dn 3:75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81/  
Lk 21:29-33

### Saturday:

Dn 7:15-27/Dn 3:82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87/  
Lk 21:34-36

### Next Sunday:

Is 2:1-5/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/  
Rom 13:11-14/Mt 24:37-44



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## Gospel Meditation

### Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Not long ago, I was called to a hospital to anoint a woman in her early 80s. She was dying, and visibly in pain. But what struck me most wasn't her suffering — it was the atmosphere in the room. She had eight children and 30 foster kids, and many of them were gathered around her. You'd expect sorrow, fear, maybe even despair. But the room was filled with something else entirely — a quiet strength, a kind of sweetness. It was as if she was suffering not just with them, but for them. And they, in love, were suffering for her. The pain was real. But so was the peace. I didn't want to run. I felt as if I was in a little paradise, beeping machines and all.

I think of that moment when I hear today's Gospel. Jesus, hanging on the cross, doesn't look like a king. But one of the crucified, dying men beside him sees through the suffering and says, "**Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom**" (Luke 23:42). That word — *remember* — literally means to make someone a member again. He's asking to be joined to Christ, to become part of his Body. And Jesus says, "**Today you will be with me in paradise.**"

He doesn't say, "I'll take your suffering away." He says, "**You will be with me.**"

That's the strange power of Christ the King. He doesn't rule by avoiding suffering. He reigns by entering into it, and transforming it with love.

What are you suffering right now in your life? Likely you want it to stop. But if we are willing to suffer with him — paradise begins even today.

— Father John Muir

The rulers sneered at Jesus and said, "He saved others, let him save himself if he is the chosen one, the Christ of God." Even the soldiers jeered at him. As they approached to offer him wine they called out, "If you are King of the Jews, save yourself." - Lk 23:35-37

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## Questions of the Week

Invite Parishioners to Reflect and Respond to Scripture

### First Reading:

The people of Israel recognized that David was a natural leader, and with the Lord's blessing anointed him king of Israel. What do you think makes someone a good leader?

### Second Reading:

Paul offers to the Colossians a beautiful piece of poetry reflecting on how Jesus reconciled all things in heaven and on earth. Can you share a time when you were reconciled with a family member or friend?

### Gospel:

Jesus assured the repentant criminal crucified next to him that he would be with him in paradise. Who might you offer words of comfort to this week?



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## Prayer

Dear God, thank you for sending Jesus to forgive my sins, too.

## Mission for the Week

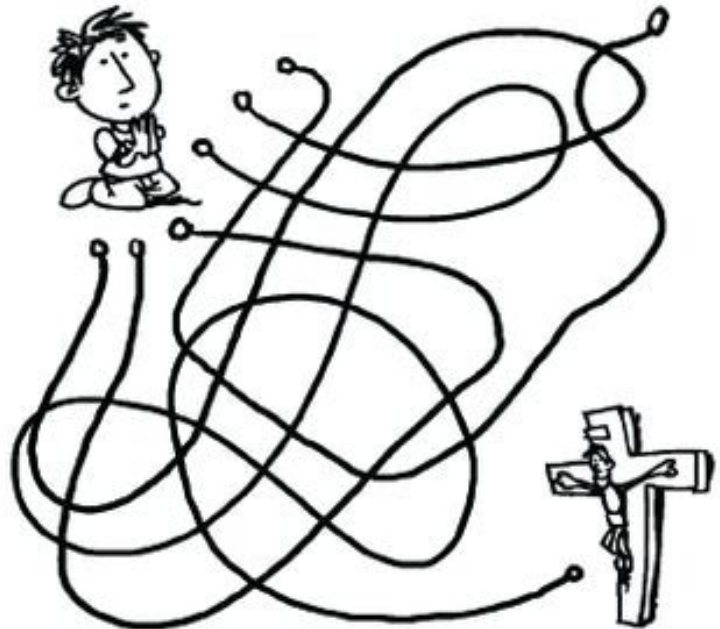
Jesus forgave the people who killed him. He expects you to forgive people who hurt you, too. Think of one person with whom you have been angry. Ask God to help you forgive that person, because Jesus forgives you.

## Sharing the Gospel

When the soldiers hurt Jesus, they were only doing their job. They did not understand that they were killing God's Son. Jesus saw into the hearts of those soldiers, and he forgave them. A man next to Jesus on the cross had done terrible things. He knew he deserved to die on a cross, and he was truly sorry. This criminal believed that Jesus was God's Son. Jesus saw into that criminal's heart, and Jesus forgave him, too.

Now color  
the picture! →

Find the path that leads to Jesus.



### Mass Intentions for the Week

#### Saturday, November 22

**5:00 p.m.** Matthew Escajeda, Pedro Pujalte, Virginia Pujalte & Baby Boy Mabulay may they rest in peace. Intercessions to all Souls in Purgatory. Special Intentions of Cecilio, Cecilia, Miguel & Ashley Uribe

**7:00 p.m.** Para El Eterno Descanso de Alicia Cruz, Particio Hernandez Esperanza Ramos, Dora Ramos e Elodia Perez. Happy Birthday Rene Gonzalez

#### Sunday, November 23

**6:30 a.m.** John Stephen Lee, Remegio Biscucho & Albert Dib, may they rest in peace. Intercessions to all Souls in Purgatory

**8:00 a.m.** Para El Eterno Descanso de Enrique Contreras Jose Luis Navarette, Guadalupe Navarrete e Ignacio Pulido. Feliz cumpleaños de Lilian Soto e Jose Rivera

**10:00 a.m.** Jose Ruiz, Juan Avila, Apolinia Lares & Juan Leonardo Munoz may they rest in peace. Intercessions to all Souls in Purgatory

**11:30a.m.** Oswaldo Balderas, Feliz Balderas, Agustin Salgado & Jeannie Valenzuela, may they rest in peace. Intercessions to all Souls in Purgatory

**1:00 p.m.** Para El Eterno Descanso de Roberto Ramos e Jusith Amparo Lopez. Feliz Cumplaenos de Maribel De Marcos, Rafita Perez Magallon. Feliz Anniversariode 30 anos de Miguel e Blanca Guarado. Intencion Especail de Cecilio, Cecilia, Miguel & Ashley Uribe

**6:00 p.m.** Para El Eterno Descanso de Petra Reynaga, Alfredo Birrueta, Juana Pasillas, Pedro Hurtado, Serafin Pasillas, Elodia Lopez, Dora Ramos e Esperanza Ramos.

#### Monday, November 24

**7:30a.m.** John Stephen Lee, Delia Cordero & Albert Dib, may they rest in peace. Special intentions for Daniel Macia, Christian & Janete Mendoza

**6:00PM** Para El Eterno Descanso de Elodia Lopez, Dora Ramos, Esperanza Ramos e Asuncion Lopez. Intercessions to all Souls in Purgatory. Intencion Especial para la salute de Ana Maria Barragan e para Delfina Gonzalez y Familia

#### Tuesday, November 25

**7:30 a.m.** John Stephen Lee, Andy Maldonado, Maria Galicia & Albert Dib, may they rest in peace. Special Intentions of Danial Macias

**6:00 p.m.** Para El Eterno Descanso de Lauro Vargas, Dora Ramos e Esperanza Ramos Intercessions to all Souls in Purgatory Intencion Especial para la salute de Alejandra Mendoza e para Delfina Gonzalez y Familia

#### Wednesday, November 26

**7:30a.m.** John Stephen Lee, Juan Martin & Albert Dib, may they rest in peace. Happy Anniversary to Jose & Martina Diaz Special Intentions of Danial Macias, Cecilio, Cecilia, Miguel & Ashley Uribe

**6:00 p.m.** Para El Eterno Descanso de Victorina Lopez Lopez e Julian Ramos Intencion Especial para Leonore Mendoza e para Delfina Gonzalez y Familia

#### Thursday, November 27

**7:00a.m.** John Stephen Lee, Margarita Medrano Ahumada & Albert Dib, may they rest in peace. Special Intentions of Daniel Macias, Cecilio, Cecilia, Miguel & Ashley Uribe

**9:00 a.m.** Matthew Escajeda & Beatriz Lopez may they rest in peace. Special intentions to the Rios Family

#### Friday, November 28

**7:30a.m.** John Stephen Lee, Abigail "Bibi" Martin & Albert Dib may they rest in peace. Special Intentions of Victoria Mendoza, Logon Mendoza, Cecilio, Cecilia, Miguel & Ashley Uribe

**6:00 p.m.** Para El Eterno Descanso de Elena Salcedo e Aleida Giraldo. Intencion Especial para la salute de Beatriz Gomez e para Delfina Gonzalez y Familia. Intercession para todas las almas de Purgatorio

#### Saturday, November 29

**7:30a.m.** John Stephen Lee, Miguel Casabosch, Antonia Casabosch & Albert Dib, may they rest in peace. Special Intentions of Palomera Rios family. Intercessions to all souls in Purgatory.

## Parish Office Closed

**The Parish Office Will Be closed starting November 26 at 12pm noon and will reopen December 1st**

## Thanksgiving Day Thursday November 27

7:00 am. ~ English Mass ~ 9:00 am. ~ Bilingual Mass

If you would like to bring your bread, wine, or candles to be blessed for your special dinner at home, there will be a table in the church. At these Masses, if you would like to donate canned goods for our Food Ministry it would be much appreciated.

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**6:00 p.m. Spanish Mass on Thanksgiving day.**

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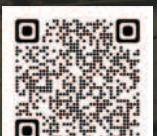
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Daily Mass: (Monday –Saturday) 7:30 a.m.

Holy Days: 7 a.m. and 11 a.m.

**Reconciliations :**Wednesday & Fridays: 7:00 p.m.

8:30 p.m. Saturdays After 7:30 mass

**Baptisms:** Second and fourth Sunday of the month at 2:30 p.m.

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